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Title: Symbol-Based Control of Terminal Endpoints
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the final Office Action dated May 28, 2003, in the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal is submitted concurrently herewith.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on March 19, 1999 with claims 1-26. Claims 1, 12, 25 and 26 are the independent claims.

In the final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-8, 12, 13, 15-19 and 23-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by WO 97/02670 (hereinafter "Kasslin"), and indicated that claims 3, 9-11, 14 and 20-22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In this response, Applicants respectfully traverse the §102(a) rejection, and request reconsideration of the present application.